



FIELD CROPS

Potato Acreage, Production, and Stocks

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2011 Spring Production

Florida

Weather: Unfavorable weather conditions delayed planting and harvest. Growers in the Hastings area began applying desiccants for table stock potatoes in order for harvesting to begin by early May and allow "skin set." Overall, chipper potato harvesting was behind schedule due to cooler, wet weather earlier in the season. The crop still remains behind schedule in both Hastings and Other Areas. Light harvesting in the Hastings area was underway by early May.

Spring: Florida’s 2011 potato production is forecast at 8.62 million cwt, up 8 percent from a year ago but unchanged from the April forecast. Acreage to be harvested is set at 35,400 acres, up 2,220 acres from the previous season and remains unchanged from April. Yield is expected to average 256 cwt per acre compared with 250 cwt per acre averaged in the spring of 2010. Yield remains unchanged from the April forecast.

United States

Spring Potatoes: Production for 2011 is forecast at 25.6 million cwt, down 1 percent from the April 1 forecast but up 3 percent from 2010. Area for harvest is forecast at 90,500 acres, up 1 percent from the previous forecast and up 5 percent from last year. The average yield forecast, at 283 cwt per acre, is down 6 cwt from both the April 1 forecast and the previous year.

California's spring potato production is forecast at 10.7 million cwt, down 1 percent from April's forecast due to cool, wet growing conditions. North Carolina growers are expected to produce 3.47 million cwt of spring potatoes, down 2 percent from the previous forecast. As of April 24, 2011, crop condition was rated as 100 percent good by the growers. Production in Arizona is forecast at 1.10 million, down 3 percent from the April 1 forecast due to lower than expected yields. Texas growers expect production to total 1.73 million cwt, unchanged from the previous forecast.

Potato Area Planted, Harvested, Yield, and Production for Spring Season

State	Area				Yield per acre		Production	
	Planted		Harvested					
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(cwt)	(cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)
Arizona.....	3.7	3.8	3.7	3.8	280	290	1,036	1,102
California	27.1	29.0	27.0	29.0	405	370	10,935	10,730
Florida	33.2	35.4	31.8	33.7	250	256	7,950	8,618
Hastings	21.5	22.4	20.3	21.2	250	265	5,075	5,618
Other Areas.....	11.7	13.0	11.5	12.5	250	240	2,875	3,000
North Carolina	16.0	17.0	15.0	16.5	195	210	2,925	3,465
Texas	8.8	7.9	8.4	7.5	235	230	1,974	1,725
United States	88.8	93.1	85.9	90.5	289	283	24,820	25,640

Potatoes: Quantity used for Processing, Nine States: 2008-2010

[Total quantity received and used for processing regardless of the State in which the potatoes were produced.]

State & Crop Year	To December 1	To January 1	To February 1	To March 1	To April 1	To May 1	To June 1	Entire season
	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)
Idaho and Oregon, Malheur								
2008.....	22,380	28,980	35,430	42,150	49,030	55,570	62,940	77,340
2009.....	23,110	29,180	35,170	42,050	49,200	56,100	62,930	79,400
2010.....	21,040	26,840	32,700	39,240	46,180	52,790		
Maine ¹								
2008.....	1,555	2,130	2,675	3,355	3,815	4,565	5,265	7,120
2009.....	1,575	2,060	2,680	3,265	3,915	4,550	5,260	7,160
2010.....	1,915	2,460	3,090	3,725	4,420	5,080		
Washington and Oregon, Other								
2008.....	32,560	38,050	42,795	49,865	56,350	62,635	70,625	81,260
2009.....	25,395	31,245	36,530	43,780	50,130	56,700	64,805	75,690
2010.....	27,670	33,570	38,815	46,700	53,280	60,145		
Other States ²								
2008.....	12,480	15,120	18,165	21,030	24,025	26,515	29,590	37,285
2009.....	10,865	13,565	16,305	18,995	21,600	24,355	27,375	34,240
2010.....	11,660	14,605	17,240	20,165	23,000	25,535		
Total								
2008.....	68,975	84,280	99,155	116,400	133,220	149,285	168,420	203,005
2009.....	60,945	76,050	90,685	108,090	124,845	141,705	160,370	196,490
2010.....	62,285	77,475	91,845	109,830	126,880	143,550		
Dehydrated ³								
2008.....	10,675	14,490	18,335	21,465	24,875	28,195	31,870	39,345
2009.....	10,985	14,035	17,150	19,895	23,155	26,630	30,045	38,915
2010.....	7,845	10,795	13,640	16,485	19,415	22,710		

¹ Includes Maine grown potatoes only. Amounts exclude quantities used for potato chips.
² Colorado, Minnesota, Nevada, North Dakota, and Wisconsin. Monthly amounts exclude quantities used for potato chips in Wisconsin.
³ Dehydrated products except starch and flour. Includes Colorado, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, and Washington.

Potato Stocks Down 27 Percent from May 2010

The 13 major potato States held 65.7 million cwt of potatoes in storage May 1, 2011, down 27 percent from a year ago. Potatoes in storage accounted for 19 percent of the 2010 fall storage States' production, four percentage points below May 1, 2010. Klamath Basin stocks totaled 520 thousand cwt on May 1, 2011, down 32 percent from a year ago. Klamath Basin stocks include potatoes stored in California and Klamath County, Oregon. Potato disappearance, at 286 million cwt, was 3 percent below May 1, 2010. Season-to-date shrink and loss, at 22.1 million cwt, was down 17 percent from the same date in 2010. Processors in the 9 major States have used 144 million cwt of potatoes this season, up 1 percent from the same period last year. Dehydrating usage accounted for 22.7 million cwt of the total processing, down 15 percent from last year.

Fall Potatoes: Production and Stocks, 13 Major States, 2001 through 2010

[For 2000-2004, data accounts for 15 major producing States. Beginning in 2005 data accounts for 13 major producing States.]

Crop Year	Production	December 1	January 1	February 1	March 1	April 1	May 1	June 1
	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)
2001	387,033	258,750	224,680	192,090	158,590	119,950	81,200	42,990
2002	407,085	264,485	231,490	199,020	165,210	125,770	83,040	45,880
2003	403,566	267,900	233,590	200,230	166,280	126,110	85,000	46,020
2004	404,017	271,100	236,700	203,490	168,020	128,900	88,550	51,700
2005	375,118	253,800	220,500	189,100	155,500	115,700	75,900	41,560
2006	389,527	258,900	225,800	192,200	159,500	120,900	79,050	44,460
2007	397,753	265,500	232,300	199,300	163,400	125,500	83,960	50,420
2008	369,866	243,700	213,200	183,900	152,700	115,800	78,100	45,300
2009	383,962	265,800	234,300	203,500	169,700	128,700	89,610	55,120
2010	351,413	234,700	204,500	175,700	143,200	105,300	65,650	